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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Statistics from the Office of the Secretary for 2019 – 2020

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DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF THE ASSOCIATION
DeMaio, Helen, 6 June 2030 - Smat, Cote, 31 May 2026 - Valasquez, Salina, 4 November 2026

HAZARDOUS EXPOSURE FORMS ON FILE:

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**CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
*Office of the Treasurer*

**Annual State Convention – 2020**  
*Treasurer’s Report of Association Funds 2019-2020*

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*Transfer funds for Hall Of Fame Dinner to be returned when there is a set date.*

45 Beaver Brook Road • Danbury, Connecticut 06810 • Telephone (203) 746-1424
TO: Officers and Members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association

FROM: Audit Committee

SUBJECT: Annual Audit of Records

DATE: July 29, 2020

As of this date, the financial records, accounts, and files of the Secretary and Treasurer have been analyzed by the Audit Committee. Comparisons of the transactions relating to income and operating expenses have reconciled the accounts of the savings and commercial deposits and also reviewed the fidelity bond of the Secretary and Treasurer that is in the custody of the President’s files and find them satisfactory, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Witness:

[Signatures]

[Post Office Box 9 • Mansfield Center, Connecticut 06250 • Telephone 860-423-5799]
Mr. Chairman,

This was a legislative session like no other I have seen in my 20+ years of supporting fire service issues for the CT State Firefighters Association. This was normally supposed to be the short legislative session year, which means the adoption of limited legislative initiatives, as well as the continuation of previous programs. Among these initiatives is supposed to be limited adjustments to the biennial budget, which does have some effect on the fire service. The 2020 regular session started on February 5th and was supposed to end on May 6th. However, a coronavirus (Covid-19) encroached upon the United States from both the West and East coasts of the United States and placed a stranglehold on most activities in the State of Connecticut and the World. Because of the volatility and contagious properties of this virus it was decided by the Office of Legislative Management to close the entire State Capitol campus buildings (the State Capitol and the Legislative Office Building) after the close of business on Wednesday March 4th and reopen on Monday March 9th. The purpose was to de-contaminate the campus. As many know, the volatility of this virus was such that the Capitol campus never re-opened. The lobbyist community was notified 4 different times of a re-opening, only to be deferred at the last minute. Finally, on April 30, it was collectively announced by all four legislative caucus leaders that the 2020 legislative session was being cancelled. It was also announced that "ALL BILLS NOT VOTED ON WERE CONSIDERED DEAD."

Before the cancellation of the session, we tracked fifty-three (53) bills that were of a public safety nature, directly or indirectly affecting the Fire Service. Of that number, I verbally testified on nine (9) bills within the Public Safety Committee, submitted written testimony on one (1) bill within the Planning & Development Committee, and CSFA President Carew verbally testified on one (1) bill in the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee. As previously stated, because of the cancellation of the session, none of these bills advanced past the public hearing status.

At a pre-session legislative committee meeting of this Association, once again, the #1 legislative initiative to be endorsed was the continuing Capital Improvement Program for the 8 Regional Fire Schools; a $60+ million-dollar project at the time of its inception 20 years ago. It was suggested that we request additional bond funds in this budget to add to the approximately $57 million dollars already authorized. Some other proposals discussed were as follows:

- Eliminate fees for background checks for Fire departments.
- Support legislative efforts that encourage the preservation of financial aid to municipalities.
- Legislation to provide for a funding stream for operating budgets for the Regional Fire Training Schools.
- Support CFMA issues, i.e., marking of roof top skylights, fire marshal assaults, include fire marshals in the definition of first responders, & remove "1978" from current smoke detector legislation, oppose any change of Fire Marshal appointment.
- Certify all interior firefighters to FF-1 with appropriate grandfathering of qualified personnel.
- Discussion of body armor for firefighters, changes to current blue light usage, support pay raises for adjunct instructors, modify previous legislation that provides for only one vendor of behavior health training certification.
Because the General Assembly did not pass a Bond Funding bill during the 2019 session, we worked with Rep. Miller, Chmn. of the Bonding Sub-Committee early in the 2020 session requesting enough bond funding to move the Regional Fire Training School project forward. Although we were able to supply her with background information of the project, we were unable to sway her decision for more funding. We also met with Rep. Rochelle of the Derby area for support on this issue. Although she gave her total support to the project, she was unable to sway either the Governor’s staff or Rep. Miller.

Because of the early cancellation of the session, the General Assembly did not pass a budget bill. However, 2020 is the second year of a two-year budget cycle, so the State is not operating without a budget. Usually the second year of a budget cycle is used to close any deficiencies that have occurred during the first year. As a result, we attempted to listen for continued rumors of a special session where a budget deficiency bill would be passed. In early June we put together a letter signed by four members of the CSFA to the leadership of the Appropriations Committee giving our reasons for believing that the Covid 19 virus issue would be devastating to the operating budgets of the Regional Fire Training Schools. Unfortunately, our timing was not as opportune as we expected. At the time of this writing I do not believe that an updated budget bill has been passed.

In early August 2020, the CGA, in conjunction with Governor Lamont called for a Special Session precipitated by issues that they both felt needed emergency attention. They passed 4 separate bills (Telehealth, Absentee Balloting, Insulin/Drug Pricing, & Police Accountability) that did not have any effect on the Fire Service.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and CT’s social distancing regulations, many groups, including the CSFA, have had to look at new ways to conduct their business. As a result, I have been participating at monthly meetings of the CT Fire Chiefs Association via ZOOM, and I have been participating at CSFA Education Committee meetings via GO TO supplied by the Chair of the Education Committee. It has been brought to my attention that the CFDIA will be utilizing ZOOM to enhance their attendance at their meetings. I would expect to continue to participate.

I wish to thank all the members of the Legislative committees of all the Connecticut Fire Service organizations. It is through their participation that we can prevail. Once again, I must remind all firefighters that if you are interested in furthering any legislation, please contact the legislative committee within your organization, or the Connecticut State Firefighters Association through your County Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
Connecticut State Firefighters Association
*IN MEMORIAM*

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Fire Marshal Timothy Smith
Town of Orange

105th President of the Connecticut State Firefighters' Association
Chief William S. Johnson
West Haven Fire Department
PAST PRESIDENTS

*Charles A. Gardenier Bridgeport 1884 – 1886
*Albert C. Hendrick New Haven 1886 - 1888
*Isaac B. Hyatt Meriden 1888 - 1889
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*Cornelius J. Carrigan Terryville 1939
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*George Brenheir Derby 1941
*Harold J. Leiberman Norwich 1942
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*William T. Hamilton New London 1945
*Thomas J. Egan New Britain 1946
*Omer H. Bruneau New Haven 1947
*Andrew J. Flanagan North Grosvenordale 1
*Jesse C.A. Meeker New Haven 1948
*Bernard Fitzsimmons Danbury 1949
*James Grote Bristol 1950
*Edward T. Turbert Chester 1951
*Thomas L. Martin New Haven 1952
*Charles H. O'Neil New London 1953

*DECEASED

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AGENDA
137TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
LABELLA VISTA PAVILION
380 FARMWOOD ROAD
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 1030 hours by President John Carew

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn for 25 minutes for County Caucuses in order to elect County Vice Presidents. If a decision has not been reached in 25 minutes, then in accordance with the Bylaws, the Convention delegates will decide.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: by

NATIONAL ANTHEM: by

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: by President John Carew

INVOCATION: by Father Kevin Donovan

GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: Honorable Governor Ned Lamont

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT: Mr. Jeffrey Morrissette, State Fire Admin.

GREETINGS FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE: President John Carew

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS:
  Members of State Legislator
  Past Presidents of Connecticut State Firefighters Association
  Presidents of various Connecticut Fire Service Organizations
  Mr. Peter Carozza - President - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.
  Mr. Richard Hart - Legislative Rep. - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to accept and place on file all committee reports as printed in the Annual Report.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Father Kevin Donovan


OLD BUSINESS: There is no Old Business to come before the Delegates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1). MOTION: To continue payment to the 7 members already on the list of totally and permanently disabled firefighters.
2). MOTION: To accept the location of any other Conventions not yet committed.

3). NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICER'S OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC.

CHAPLAIN: 1). Reverend Kevin Donovan - Wolcott
2). Reverend Mark Byers - Thomaston

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER;

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PRESENTATION OF THE MERIT AWARDS: P.P. Charles M. Stankye III, Chairman - Merit Awards Committee

READING OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION: Secretary Gerald V. Schaffer (This includes all State Officers and County Vice Presidents.)

BENEDICTION: by the Father Mark Byers
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

James C. Rovella, Commissioner
Peter S. Carozza, Jr., Chairman
Kevin J. Kowalski, Vice Chairman
Richard H. Nicol, Secretary
Jeffrey J. Morrissette, State Fire Administrator

Central Office - Connecticut Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Average number of full-time employees – 12 (General Fund)

Organization structure - Office of State Fire Administration, Training Unit and Certification Unit

Division Mission

To prevent or mitigate the effects of fire and disasters through leadership and collaboration with municipalities, fire departments and regional fire schools by delivery of quality consulting services, technical assistance, training, education and professional competency certification of career and volunteer fire service personnel.

Statutory Authority

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-323(j) - 7-323(s) the Commission is charged with and has primary responsibility for training, public fire and life safety education and professional competency certification for members of Connecticut’s fire service.

COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Appointed members of the Commission represent the statewide fire service organizations and serve to advise the Commissioner. The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC)
serves as the state’s focal point for fire service training, public fire and life-safety education and professional competency testing and certification for members of Connecticut’s fire service.

**Office of State Fire Administration**
The Office of State Fire Administration provides overall coordination, management and support of division activities and facilities including the administration of grants. The Office offers consulting services to communities regarding fire department administration, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention, and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention. Oversight of the Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Response Plan continues as a priority with staff serving as Fire Service Liaisons for Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF-4) in the State Emergency Operations Center during statewide emergencies and exercises. The Office actively supports the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard, providing ongoing training for honor guards, ensuring Connecticut honors its fallen firefighters and their family members consistent with the field’s highest standards. Coordination and collaboration with the nine independent Regional Fire Schools continues. Further, the Office coordinates the state’s Regional Foam Trailer program where eight local host fire departments respond to emergencies requiring firefighting foam. We continue to be actively engaged with DEEP in research, outreach and guidance regarding the impact of firefighting foam containing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Work continued to establish a framework for a foam Take Back program as well as field test Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Fluorine Free (F3) alternatives. The Office received federal funding totaling $260,566.99 to procure Class A Burn Building thermal lining components and for the installation of a propane fueled live fire burn prop in the Connecticut Fire Academy’s Training Tower. Once completed, this will greatly enhance our high rise training capabilities. Communications and information dissemination to fire service constituents continued primarily through expanded use of social media and the CFPC email Listserv with over 5,000 informational messages transmitted during the year. COVID-19 had a profound impact upon division operations forcing a pause to most activities in mid-March and partial resumption of services in mid-June. The impact to the delivery of training and certification services as compared to previous fiscal years is evidenced in the metrics below.

**Training Division (Connecticut Fire Academy)**
The Training Division delivers a wide range of training and education programs extending from the comprehensive 15-week resident Recruit Firefighter Training program to Fire Officer and technical specialty level courses many with collegiate transfer credits. Courses are available for delivery throughout the state and at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. During FY 20, the Training Division delivered 173 training programs reaching 3,673 students, providing 122,624 contact hours. In addition to the Training Division’s FY numbers was 7,443 N-95 respirator fit tests were performed supporting mostly Health Care professionals as a result of the Pandemic. Over 70 classes, seminars and specialized training including Rescue Week, Introduction to the Fire Service camps and the Annual June Fire School were cancelled or rescheduled. In addition, the Division continued to offer Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) to municipalities to assist in identifying future firefighters with the capability of career and lifelong success. This past year, 596 candidates registered with 328 passing for an overall passing rate of 55%. Charter Oak State College continues to approve 22 CFA training programs for collegiate transfer credit adding value to our students. Collaboration with the Military
Department and Department of Public Health at the New England Disaster Training Center (Camp Hartell) located in Windsor Locks provides unique training opportunities for all emergency responders.

Certification Unit

The Certification Unit assesses fire service personnel in areas ranging from basic firefighting skills to technical rescue specialties, and from instructional methodology to executive officer leadership, including instructional methodology, curriculum development, public education and fire prevention. This knowledge and skills evaluation of specific competencies legitimizes the pre-requisite training requirements and instruction associated with fire service-related training courses and education. The certification process is an independent third-party evaluation of requisite firefighter skills developed from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in support of the statewide fire service educational framework developed from the same standards. The certification process ensures emergency services personnel are better qualified to conduct and manage significant incidents while routinely operating in highly hazardous exposure areas when serving the citizens of Connecticut.

The Certification Unit is accredited by two international entities, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Accreditation of the certification process validates the professionalism and commitment of full and part-time staff and provides portability to our customers as they pursue a career in the fire service. The Certification Division Director attended the Pro Board and IFSAC annual meetings in FY 2020. In August, the Certification Unit was awarded its five-year reaccreditation from IFSAC following a three-day on site visit by members of their Committee on Site Teams.

The Certification Unit conducted 20 NFPA 1,403 compliant Live Fire Training audits, 64 psychomotor and 96 cognitive examinations, and 9 ADA compliant examinations; including foreign language examinations. A total of 2,216 candidates were assessed resulting in 1,706 Pro Board and IFSAC accredited certifications. The overall written examination success rate was 77%. In addition, the Unit developed and administered nine (9) promotional examinations and two (2) entry-level examinations for municipalities. The Unit continued computer based certification testing this fiscal year. State colleges provided access to their computer labs for testing. COVID-19 has negatively affected our partnership with these colleges due to restrictions with outside agencies being allowed to use their computer labs.
Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) Information Available through the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard

While it is hoped that your organization will never need it, the PSOB is system managed by the Department of Justice, it will provide death, disability and education benefits to the survivors of fallen police officers, firefighters and first responders. The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard in conjunction with Local Assistance State Team (LAST) is the best two prong approach for any department dealing with a Line of Duty Death (LODD). They have several members that have taken the PSOB benefit training program as well as two members associated with the honor guard who tech the PSOB program across the country. To obtain additional support or information regarding the PSOB you should contact Jeff Morrissette, State Fire Administrator at (860-623-6363, Ext. 230 or jeffmorrissette@ct.gov) who will direct you to the Commander of the Statewide Honor Guard.

https://www.psob.gov/files/PSOB-FS.pdf

https://www.firehero.org/resources/department/last
REQUEST FOR BENEFIT CLAIM PAPERS
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 9
MANSFIELD CENTER, CT. 06250
TEL (860) 423-5799

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CSFA FORM 10 REV. 2/14
Be it resolved that the following rates for payment of benefits to members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. are effective February 16, 2017 until further notice as prescribed by the current By-Laws of the Association.

Temporary Disability Benefits –
Article IX, Section XII – rate set at $23.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days per week, first 7 days omitted.
rate set at $29.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days per week.

Total Permanent Disability Benefit –
Article X, Section I – rate set at $23.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days.
rate set at $29.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days.

Total Permanent Disability Children Benefit –
Article X, Section II – rate set at $140.00 per week ($20.00 per day).

Line of Duty Death Benefit –
Article XI, Section 1a(1) – rate set at $20,000.00, maximum benefit.

Surviving Dependent Children Benefit –
Article XI, Section 1a(2) (a) – rate set at $161.00 per week, ($23.00 per day).

Voted unanimously by the Executive Committee at the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc meeting held at Wethersfield, Connecticut on February 16, 2017

Attest:

Gerald V. Schaffer

February 16, 2017
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: __________________________

Company Application: __________________________

Department Application: __________________________

Position in Department: __________________________

Name: __________________________

Address: __________________________

City/Town: __________ County: __________ Zip: __________

Signature of Chief of Department: __________________________

Name of Department Affiliation: __________________________

A check for $80.00 must accompany Company Membership Application.

A check for $35.00 must accompany Department Membership Application.

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Membership Number: __________

Executive Committee Vote: __________

Recorded to File On: __________
UPCOMING CONVENTION SCHEDULE

2020 - CT. STATE FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSN. - WATERBURY

2021 - CANAAN FIRE COMPANY

2022 - OPEN

2023 - OPEN
The Hall of Fame Award was created April 9, 2009 to recognize, and honor, members of the Fire Service both living and deceased who have contributed to the betterment of the Fire Service locally, statewide and nationally.

All of the honorees were recognized after being nominated by their peers in the Fire Service. We also recognize the history of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association and the foresight of the nine “Founding Fathers” who created the organization on March 24, 1885 as listed in Connecticut Senate Resolution No. 26.

Class of 2009
C.A. Gerdenier, Bridgeport
A.C. Hendrick, New Haven
W.B. Thomas, New London
H.P. Stevens, Danbury
Issac B. Hyatt, Meriden
Samuel C. Snagg, Waterbury
John S. Jones, Westport
Henry J. Eaton, Hartford
Joseph B. Carrier, Norwich

Class of 2010
Father Thomas Berberich, Kent
Allan Bowkett, Thomaston
Edward J. Cotter Jr., Derby
Andrew J. Flanagan, New Haven
James R. Guthrie, West Haven
Chester J. Haber, Berlin
Edward F. Haber, Berlin
Lawrence P. Hurlbut, Winchester
Walter (Corky) O’Connor, New Britain
Howard G. Reynolds, Eagleville
Theodore H. Schroll Jr., Wethersfield
John Shanaghan, East Haddam
Leno (Hank) Vescovi, Groton-Submarine Base

Class of 2011
Peter Beckwith, Manchester
Ernest Bunnell, Northfield
Robert Cady, Lebanon
Peter Carozza, Waterbury
James Doherty, Cheshire
Charles Freimuth, Terryville
James Grote, Chester
William Halstead, Sandy Hook
Adrian (Andy) Ouellette, Broadbrook
Peter Phelan, Milford
Raymond Shea, West Hartford
Charles M. Stankye Jr., Derby

Class of 2012
Clifford Brammer, Thomaston
Walter Brocar, New Haven
O’Neil S. Burrows, Watertown
Robert J. Chatfield, Prospect
William Coffey, Danbury
Donald Lewis, West Haven
Joe Moehring, Stamford
Thomas Murphy, Southington
Gerald V. Schaffer, Eagleville/Mansfield
William Schietinger, Bridgeport
George Thompson Jr., Eagleville/Mansfield
Raymond Gergler, Eagleville
Ernest N. Herrick, Eagleville
Clinton Hughes, Wethersfield
William S. Johnson, West Haven
Avery W. Lamphier, Watertown
John J. McAuliffe Jr., Wethersfield
Robert (Red) McKeon, Occum
Richard P. Sylvia, Darien

Class of 2013
Lewis R. Clark, Morris
Charles H. Davin, Monroe
Clyde Finger, Bethel
Michael Grant, New Haven
Robert J. Guthrie, West Haven
Alan R. Hawkins, Mansfield
Charles Mcinerney, Westfield
Paul M. Metsack, Ashford
Scott Potter, Thomaston
John Reardon, New Haven
Ronald J. Samul, New London
Class of 2014
David Dagon, Mansfield
John Gaspar, Naugatuck
Christopher Guari, Brooklyn
Charles N. Harrington, Simsbury
George N. Koser, Litchfield
Richard H. Nicol, Middlebury
Salvatore Pitruzello, Portland
Paul Rapanault, West Haven
Charles M. Stankye III, Derby
Ronald Stolz, Yantic
Donald H. Swanson, Cromwell
James Wilkinson, Milford

Class of 2015
Larry Black, Watertown
Ralph Black Jr., New Haven
Cathy Goetz, Haddam
Rev. Edward Goetz, Haddam
Frank (Fritz) Hilbert, Mystic
John Keenan, Long Ridge, Stamford
Maurice McCarthy Jr., Waterbury
John Platt Jr., Montville
Wayne Sanford, East Haven
Richard Symonds Jr., Tolland
George H. Thompson, Willimantic/Hartford
John Walsh, Willimantic/Hartford

Class of 2016
Alfred Dudek Jr., Killingworth
Laurence Ford, Redding
James K. Kiley, Newington
Ronald L. Littell Sr., Tolland
Kevin R. McKeon, West Shore
Jon Menti, Bethel
Jeffrey J. Morissette, Wethersfield
John E. Obier Jr., North Haven
Gary M. Parker, Derby
Charles Perrotti, North Canaan
Kenneth W. Richards Jr., Old Mystic

Class of 2017
William Abbott, Hartford
Edward B. Amatrudo, North Branford*
Wayne Fletcher, Ashford
Charles Flynn, Suffield/Wethersfield
Burt Hale, Westfield
Kevin Kowalski, Simsbury
James O’Neil, Thomaston
George H. Quinn, Bethany
Clarence Rees, Bethel
David Sanford, West Redding*
Robert G. Sawyer III, North Stonington

Class of 2018
Thomas Bartram, Sharon
Wayne J. Bindas, Hartford/Granby/Lost Acres
Edward Flynn, New Haven
Michael Gergler, Eagleville/Mansfield
Thurston “Doc” Howard, Waterford
Richard Palmer, Eagleville/Mansfield
Theodore (Teddy) Smith, Beacon Falls
Timothy S. Wall, Wallingford
Richard E. Whitehouse, Ashford

Class of 2019
James C. Armstrong, Andover/Columbia*
William J. Deford, CT. Fire Academy
Louis DeMici, Danbury/UPFFA
James M. Eastwood, Fairfield
Marquam R. Johnson, Barkhamsted
Daniel Keogh, Poq. Bridge/Mashantucket
James C. Koser, Litchfield
John B. McAllister/Waterbury/Colebrook
Denis McCarthy, Fairfield

Class of 2020
Sanford Anderson, Norwalk
William Davin, Monroe
John B. Field Jr., Torington
Joseph lacuone, Derby
Charles C. Judd Jr., Watertown
William F. Kelly Jr., West Haven
Mark D. Lewandowski, Berlin
Peter Mullen, Branford
Edward N. Richards, Enfield
James Trzaski, Beacon Falls

* Edward Amatrudo = Poquonnock Bridge, Noank, Westbrook, Nichols, Branford and North Branford
* David Sanford = West Redding, Danbury, Wilton and Westport
SAVE THE DATE ........................................................................................................

Thursday, April 1, 2021
Aqua Turf – Southington, CT.

The 13th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner that was scheduled for November 12, 2020 has been canceled due to COVID-19. On April 1, 2021 the Connecticut State Firefighters Association will honor and recognize the classes of 2020 and 2021 who have contributed to the betterment of the fire service.

Reminder: All Hall of Fame applications must be submitted to the committee no later than November 1, 2020
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Firefighter Memorial Drive

Save the Date

Sunday, September 27, 2020

12:30 p.m.
Connecticut Fire Academy
Windsor Locks, CT

Due to COVID-19 a Modified Ceremony is planned to include Social Distancing and face masks where appropriate. Also, no refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

18th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service

“Come honor Connecticut Firefighters; past or present”

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